

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 14 and 18 and leaves claims 1-13, 15-17 and 19-21 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-21.

Claims 14 and 18 stand objected to due to informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Amendments were made to claims 14 and 18 to overcome the informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of the prior Patent No. 6,681,995. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application filed on even date herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating this rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be considered nor was it intended as an agreement on Applicants part that the features of the present invention as recited claims 1-21 are taught or suggested by claims 1-16 of the prior patent. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance based on claims 1-21. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.39424CX2).

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